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By Representatives Kessler and VanDeWege

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1            TO THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS B. MACDONALD, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION,  
2            AND TO THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND TO THE  
3            WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

4            We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
5            the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
6            represent and petition as follows:

7            WHEREAS, The Korean War erupted on June 25, 1950, when the North  
8            Korean Army invaded the Republic of South Korea; and

9            WHEREAS, Three days later, President Harry S. Truman ordered United  
10           States forces to defend South Korea; and

11           WHEREAS, 2.5 million men and women of our armed forces, 122,000 of  
12           which were from Washington State, met the test, fighting in harsh  
13           terrain and extremes of weather, in battles and actions the names of  
14           which reverberate fifty-four years later; and

15           WHEREAS, 528 Washington State residents and 5 Clallam County  
16           residents were killed in action between 1950 and 1953, and over 40  
17           known men had been missing in action or held as prisoners of war; and

18           WHEREAS, 33,629 members of the United States armed forces lost  
19           their lives between 1950 and 1953; and

1           WHEREAS, 2,000 United States service members have died as a direct  
2 result of responding to one of the 40,479 hostile incidents or breaches  
3 since the truce has been signed; and

4           WHEREAS, It is appropriate to honor the service and sacrifice of  
5 Washington State Korean War Veterans who served the nation in that war  
6 with such valor and distinction;

7           NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
8 Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to name  
9 Highway 113 in Clallam County between the junction of Highway 101  
10 (Sappho) and the junction of Highway 112, and Highway 112 from the  
11 junction of Highway 113 to the Makah Indian Reservation in Neah Bay the  
12 "Korean War Veteran's Blue Star Memorial Highway(s)," and to install  
13 appropriate signs on the portion of the highway(s) containing the words  
14 "Korean War Veteran's Blue Star Memorial Highway" to honor the service  
15 and sacrifices of all who served in that war.

16           BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
17 transmitted to the Honorable Douglas B. MacDonald, Secretary of  
18 Transportation, the Washington State Transportation Commission, and the  
19 Washington State Department of Transportation.

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